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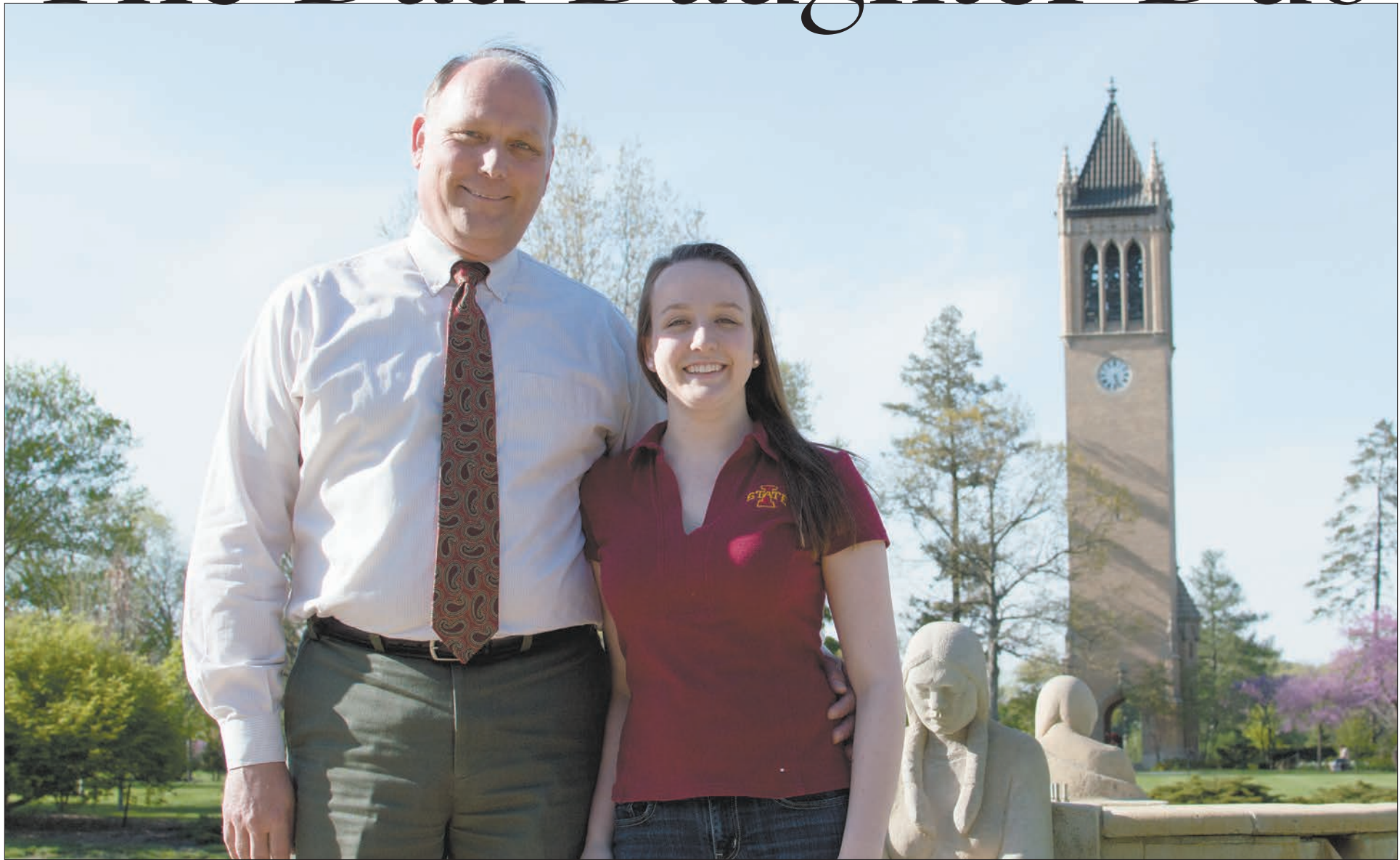
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The Dad-Daughter Duo



Emily Simpson and her dad, Steve, pose for a photo on Central Campus. The pair will graduate from Iowa State together this spring. Steve will graduate with his Ph.D. and Emily with two bachelor's degrees. Charlie Coffey/Iowa State Daily

Parent, child to graduate from ISU on same day

By Mariah.Griffith
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Not many kids ever get to say “go do your homework” to their parents. Emily Simpson does it all the time.

“It’s kind of funny, but I’ve done it,” laughed Simpson, senior in accounting and finance.

Some days it would go, “What are you doing? OK then, get after it. Go do your homework,” said Emily’s father Steve, director of emergency management at Iowa State.

Emily and Steve will both be graduate this spring. Emily will

graduate with two bachelor’s degrees and a minor in history, and Steve with a Ph. D. Their commencement ceremonies will be just hours apart at Hilton Coliseum. They’ve been planning on it happening that way for a while.

“When he first started, he said his planned graduation date was 2015, and I was like, ‘hey, Dad, that’s the same day I’m graduating, how about you not?’ Emily said.

She changed her mind.

“I got about a year into it and she said, ‘it’d be really cool if you could graduate with us,’” Steve said. “I had it planned so that it looked like I was going to graduate some time in 2016, but after that my major professor and I decided I needed to graduate with Emily.”

Another member of the family is more excited than either of them.

“Yeah, but I’d honestly say that mom is the most excited.

She’s ready to have her husband back,” Emily said.

All the excitement of the deadlines and finals before graduation aside, another big event is arriving up for Emily.

“I’m actually getting married two weeks after,” she said. “It’s very exciting and there’s a lot going on in my life right now.”

Simpson and her fiancé, Nathan Hansen, have known each other since high school and plan to move to Des Moines after they both graduate this spring.

“I think we’ll stay in Des Moines, at least for the foreseeable future,” Simpson said. “I like Iowa. I don’t envision us moving anywhere else.”

Her dad isn’t planning on going anywhere either. Steve has been at Iowa State for 22 years, working with the occupational safety group. He says his dissertation, “A Study of Safety Climate and Employees’ Trust of their

Organizational Leadership in University Research Laboratories,” will continue to help him and his colleagues moving forward.

“My going for my Ph.D. was really more focused about our strategic planning as a department, and looking at lab safety and what was happening in lab safety,” he said. “It was a perfect storm. Emily was in college, I had a lot of free time at home, we were working with the College of Engineering, and I had a drive to want to do this and make a difference.”

Even so, getting to graduation while maintaining a full-time job hasn’t been easy.

“It takes a lot of sacrifice, and it’s not just sacrifice on your own part,” Steve said. “Luckily, my family members have been my biggest cheerleaders.”

Steve said the most personally taxing part of his degree program was writing the aforementioned dissertation.

“It took the most energy. I’ve spent the last three months writing, and rewriting and doing the analysis,” he said.

Steve earned his last degree, an MBA, from Hood College in 1992. Now, he will be graduating again shortly after turning 51, and encourages others to go back to school if it matters to them, despite the obstacles.

“I know it sounds corny, but you’re never too old to go after the degree you want to get,” he said.

Emily said she’s looking forward to being done with homework.

“I can go home and not have a list of stuff going, ‘if you don’t get this done, you’re in trouble,’” she said. “The constant deadlines, wedding planning and other stuff is a little much right now.”

Steve experienced homework following him home at a

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GSB presidents to continue work during summer

By Michaela.Ramm
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It has been nearly two months since Dan Breitbarth and Megan Sweere were elected as president and vice president of GSB, and the two say they’ve accomplished a lot so far.

The pair was elected March 9, winning 66 percent of the total votes after campaigning on issues such as overcrowding and Veishea.

Breitbarth said they’ve had a good start.

“I’m optimistic about what can happen in the future,” Breitbarth said. “Everyone’s been very responsive, whether it be at the university level and with the city.”

Since taking office, they have been working to improve campus by meeting with administrators. These accomplishments include issues due to overcrowding, such as seating within the Memorial Union and alleviating congestion on Osborn Drive.

Breitbarth and Sweere said they spoke with Memorial Union Board of Directors and another committee in the MU. About 20 to 30 additional bar tables have since been purchased.

The director of multicultural affairs is also willing to open the Multicultural Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday for students to eat or study.

Sweere said Osborn Drive is

going to be another thing considered this summer.

Breitbarth said he is on three different committees looking into improving Osborn Drive.

“The administration has brought in a business team to give us some sort of analysis of Osborn Drive to make it more efficient,” Breitbarth said. “We’re going to look at their findings and determine the best way to move forward.”

Breitbarth said they will probably make some significant changes to the street during the summer after they receive the analysis.

Some of these changes may include extending the sidewalk on the north side from Gilman to Lagomarcino about 100 yards and creating a potential bike path.

Along with congestion, they have also been working on improving on-campus parking.

The new parking lot next to Gilman is being built for staff parking, but it will be available for students after 5:30 p.m. Sweere said the lot will give 60 additional spots across from the library for students to use.

CyRide will also work on efficiency throughout the summer, including an expansion to Red and Orange routes.

“[Sweere] and I lobbied to try to get an express route for [the

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RideShare resolution relieves pressure of finding ride home

By Audra.Kincart
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The Government of the Student Body hopes to decrease drunk driving with the help of a RideShare resolution.

On April 22, GSB passed almost unanimously, 31-1-2, a resolution that could bring transportation network companies like Uber to Ames.

Transportation network companies enable smart phones to connect passengers with drivers and their personal vehicles.

“What’s most important is people are making smart decisions that could affect their lives or their friends’ lives in general,” said Jamie Rix, junior in public relations and political science and spearhead of the resolution.

Rix said GSB has received feedback from more than 700 people.

“We had so much support shown,” Rix said. “It’s amazing how much it blew up and it’s still surfacing and that’s really cool.”

One transportation networking company that is used in cities such as Chicago, Kansas City, Des Moines and Cedar Rapids is Uber.

After downloading the app, customers enter the location to be picked up and dropped off and allows them to communicate with a driver without sharing personal information, such as a cell phone number.

When matched with a driver, the app sends the passenger the driver’s pictures, the make of the car they will be picked up in as well as the license plate

number.

The app also shows the driver’s location in real time to track the wait time. Riders can share the estimated time of arrival with family or friends so they can ensure a safe trip.

Transactions are made via the app and riders are able to rate the experience after each trip.

Uber drivers are checked before the company employs them.

“They go through inspection of the vehicle. They go through extensive background checks,” said Peter Myers, junior in finance and GSB senator who helped write the resolution.

“You can’t have sexual assaults, a DUI, a moving violation, you pretty much have to have a near perfect record.”

Since Uber has been in California, drunk driving incidents have decreased by 6.5 percent per month among drivers under 30.

Since being passed in GSB, the resolution has been sent to state representatives, senators and the legislature, Myers said.

“A resolution from the student body is pretty powerful because it does symbolize this entire university does support a statewide regulation to be implemented,” Myers said.

The House of Representatives passed the bill to have statewide regulated transportation network companies by 95 percent.

The Senate Transportation Committee tabled the bill until the state budget is determined.

Mayor Ann Campbell, who

is in favor of the bill, said to Rix in an email, “Our role in regulation would be somewhat directed by what does or does not happen in the legislature.”

City of Ames councilman Matthew Goodman said he is open to allowing this type of operation in Ames.

“In Ames, we currently do not regulate taxi rides, so I see no need to regulate Uber rides,” Goodman said. “If in Des Moines or other large communities where regulation of taxis was intended to ensure safety and keep the streets clear of hired drivers waiting for a fare, that is a different story. So I’m open to allowing such operations in Ames.”

Rix said it was time somebody started the process.

“Someone just had to do it,” Rix said. “Somebody had to start the conversation. Somebody had to get people thinking, ‘why isn’t it here?’ I don’t think it would have happened if we didn’t start this conversation now.”

Rix said she sees a decrease in drunk driving as the biggest benefit from having the ride-share program in Ames.

“It might be a while, but we see progress every day,” Rix said.

Last year in Iowa, 32.5 percent of all traffic deaths resulted from drunk driving and there were more than 16,000 driving under the influence arrests.

Myers said he sees multiple benefits of having a rideshare company, including convenience for students without cars, avoidance of parking tickets and not having to walk home in the winter.

Weather



FRIDAY
Showers.

69
51



SATURDAY
Partly cloudy.

77
56



SUNDAY
Partly cloudy.

84
58

Weather provided by ISU Meteorology Club.

Police Blotter

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records.

All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

April 23

An officer was informed of a collision that occurred earlier at Armory (reported at 9:47 p.m.).

An individual reported an attempted fraud at Friley Hall (reported at 8:18 a.m.).

April 24

A body specimen was requested from a driver who was suspected of operating while intoxicated at 100 block of Hayward Avenue (reported at 12:51 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of a wallet. The item was later located and it was determined no theft occurred at Armory (reported at 1:23 p.m.).

April 25

Pamila Vongdeuane, 22, of 4710 Steinbeck Street, Apartment 309, Ames, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated (second offense) at 4700 block of Steinbeck Street (reported at 1:52 a.m.).

Ellen Lee, 20, of 3826 Mari-gold Drive, Ames, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and underage possession of alcohol at Highway 30 and South Dakota Avenue (reported at 2:19 a.m.).

Officers assisted an individual who was experiencing medical difficulties. Caitlyn Beckler, age 19, of 2071 Elm Hall - Ames, was cited for unlawful use of a license at Elm Hall (reported at 2:10 a.m.).

Brandyn Roers, 23, of 2603 Knapp Street, Apartment 3, Ames, was arrested and charged with public intoxication (second or subsequent offense) at Chamberlain Street and Welch Avenue (reported at 2:23 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of items from an apartment at Frederiksen Court (reported at 2:11 p.m.).

SNAPSHOT



Danielle Ferguson/Iowa State Daily

Community gathers to honor victims in Nepal

About 100 people from the ISU and Ames community gathered Thursday on Central Campus to remember the almost 6,000 who died in the 7.8 magnitude earthquake in Nepal with a candle light vigil. The earthquake occurred Saturday, April 25, but aftershocks continue to shake the country. The Nepal Student Association hosted the event. About two-thirds in attendance were from Nepal.

Iowa Senate approves money for tuition freeze

By Matthew.Rezab
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Iowa's three regent universities may see a tuition freeze for the third consecutive year after the Iowa Senate approved an appropriations package on Wednesday. Senate file 493's funding approval is at odds with the proposed House Appropriations Committee bill cutting \$8.6 million from higher education and the Department of Education. The appropriations package also provides

funding for the Board of Regents to adopt a performance-based funding model for the regent universities. The legislation does not provide policy language. The Senate's higher education appropriations bill allocates \$1 billion for the upcoming state fiscal year for the Board of Regents, Department for the Blind, Department of Education and College Student Aid Commission. The plan represents a \$40 million increase over the current fiscal

year and is \$48 million more than the house proposal. In a statement released Wednesday, Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter praised the Senate for understanding the unique budget circumstances facing the Northern Iowa and Iowa State. "The Board appreciates the Senate's willingness to provide a 1.75% inflationary increase to each university's operating budget, which guarantees a third consecutive tuition freeze," Rastetter said.

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MORE INFO

Graduation information

Iowa State has a number of commencement ceremonies and other events to celebrate those graduating planned for next week. For a complete schedule, go to the news section of the Daily's app.

SOFTBALL

Upcoming games

The ISU softball team has an upcoming series against Texas Tech. So how will coming off a series sweep of Green Bay affect the team? To read the full preview, go online to the sports section of the Daily's website.

BASKETBALL

Camp for a Cure

ISU women's basketball junior guard Lexi Albrecht's father is a candidate for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Man of the Year. To raise money for his campaign, Lyndsey Fennelly will coach a camp. To read the full story, check out the sports section of the Daily's website.

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Preparing for the future

Professor helps students learn to evaluate academic articles

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What makes a professor great? Is it the knowledge they share? The passion in which they share it? The friendships they form with their students?

In the case of Panteleimon Ekkekakis, students and colleagues say his greatness emerges from all three.

Last fall, Ekkekakis, associate professor of kinesiology, created the Journal Club with the help of Ph.D. student Zack Zenko. The club was meant to help students learn how to review and critique published journal articles, similar to the work done in graduate schools.

“A lot of professors expect you to go out and find these articles and write papers based on them, but a lot of the research is just taken for face value,” said

Meghan Ludwig, senior in kinesiology and health. “[Ekkekakis] tells us to dig deep and to investigate the biases to make sure that it is quality research.”

This semester, Ekkekakis turned the Journal Club into an independent study course. The course is designed to allow students to review different journal articles each week and teach them to appraise the quality of research.

Jaime Freiburger, senior in kinesiology, said because Ekkekakis is the professor, he gets most of the credit, but Zenko deserves the same amount of credit for the work he has done in both the club and in class.

Ekkekakis teaches his students to never trust research without doing a proper investigation. He teaches them that good writers can make anything believable, so it is important to analyze literature

with an unbiased, critical approach.

Freiburger said Ekkekakis’ teachings help in other classes. She said a lot of teachers expect students to be capable of looking at literature with this critical approach, and with his help, they actually know how to do it.

Ekkekakis’ work will not only help with undergraduate work, but it will help in graduate and professional school as well. Once these students enter graduate and professional school, they believe the work Ekkekakis has done will give them an edge over the other students.

“I would say 95 percent of the students I will be going to physical therapy school with won’t know how to do what he’s taught us,” said Colton McConaha, junior in kinesiology and health.

The skills Ekkekakis teaches students are graduate level work. Students are expected to enter graduate programs with a knowledge of critical appraisal and the Journal Club prepares

students to excel in future academic and professional endeavors.

“He is so approachable,” Freiburger said. “He’s probably the most approachable professor I’ve ever had.”

Ekkekakis’ efforts go beyond simply educating his students, he also goes to great lengths to build relationships with them.

“Dr. E is the kind of guy that I’ll be keeping in touch with throughout my graduate career. He’s one of the best people to have behind you for support,” Freiburger said.

Ekkekakis’ students thank him for opening their eyes to the faults in research and for giving them the extra opportunity to learn.

“He never gave up on us,” Ludwig said. “He was always there and if you were unsure about something, he was always so friendly and great about clearing the air.”

McConaha said Ekkekakis truly cares about his students.

“I’d like to thank Dr.



Courtesy of College of Human Sciences
Panteleimon Ekkekakis, associate professor of kinesiology, created the Journal Club with the help of Zack Zenko, graduate student in kinesiology. The club teaches students the importance of critically analyzing research.

E for the unconditional support he has given all of us,” Freiburger said. “If you consider the amount of students that cross his path each year and the fact that he’s taken so much interest

and put so much time into this group of students, you realize how much he really cares about us and our education. He’s one of a kind. You don’t find professors like him very often.”

Teaching farms celebrate five decades of rich history

By Allison.Luety
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Nearly five decades ago, sheep grazed on Central Campus and pigs dwelled in the Kildee parking lot. Sows farrowed on pasture and beef cattle roamed Frederiksen Court. Each facility had an arena where students would sit and learn.

Today, the teaching farms are located south of campus and incorporate modern technology. The farms’ purpose remains true to the original intent, however modern students have additional opportuni-

ties. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Iowa State teaching farms.

“The teaching farms are a face of the animal science department,” said farms manager Ben Drescher.

Iowa State is home to teaching farm facilities including swine, beef cattle, dairy, horses, poultry and sheep. The sheep and swine facilities are completely sustained by students.

“The teaching farms are there for the students and run by the students and have had a lot of success,” Drescher said. “We try to keep that heritage alive.”

Iowa State has a rich

agricultural background as it was established as a land-grant institution in 1864, according to Iowa State’s website. The 1862 Morrill Act established land-grant institutions to help fund public colleges focused on agriculture and mechanical arts.

Jeff Hartwig, swine farms manager, said the goals of the teaching farms are different from the commercial setting he was used to before working at Iowa State.

“In the university setting, the product is teaching and learning. The side product is actually the pork,” Hartwig said. “We produce

the pigs so we can teach the process at every level and every age.”

Student worker Morgan Pittz, junior in animal science, started working at the swine teaching farm in August.

“At home we don’t have sows. I didn’t have a whole lot of sow experience,” Pittz said. “Now I can say I know how everything works with breeding, gestation, farrowing, all the way through finishing.”

Drescher said more than 1,000 students may come through the farms in a given week. Every year, Iowa State University’s swine teaching farm raises pigs to

exhibit at the National Barrow Show in Austin, Minn.

“The coolest thing was this fall, we were up in Austin and you look over and you see about 20 to 25 Iowa State students taking ownership of the hogs that were brought up there,” Drescher said.

Students, including Pittz, started to prepare the pigs long before the show.

A boar that ISU students raised at the teaching farm, named Cyclone, sold for \$85,000 at the most recent National Barrow Show.

With support from the dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and industry professionals,

plans are underway to rebuild much of the foundation and quality of livestock. Plans include building a centralized feed mill. Only two other schools offer a feed milling degree.

The Block and Bridle Farm Tours Committee organizes tours for prospective students and can provide general tours open to the public.

“The agriculture industry as a whole is under a lot of scrutiny by the consumer who may not be educated,” Hartwig said.

“It gives you a feel for what our College of Agriculture is focused on,” Pittz said.



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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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1 It comes from goats
7 Old hand
10 Margery of nursery rhyme
13 Reason to be at sea?
14 Leak slowly
15 Pub choice
16 Colorful freshwater fish
17 1994 Schwarzenegger film
19 Organized group of female monarchs?
21 Waterskiing challenges
24 Role for Ronny
25 Blood
26 Blood system letters
27 Pelion neighbor
29 Vulpine critter
30 Ingredient in a concrete American flag?
33 Overwhelming amount
35 Feel a strong desire (for)
36 Former German chancellor Adenauer
39 Fancy carp
40 Plastic leg bone?
43 Moomoo
45 "Cows of Our Planet" cartoonist
47 Mesozoic, e.g.
- 48 Old folk song composer, often: Abbr.
50 Bread often served with ghee
51 Hat material
53 Line of hunky monarchs?
56 Catholic recitation phrase
57 Poker variety
... and what the four longest across answers do?
61 Chess components
62 Parker array
63 Restless feeling
64 Hill occupant
65 Anti-aging treatment target
66 Named
- Down**

1 Ran into
2 1992 U2 song
3 Popular song
4 Correspond
5 Mosque VIPs
6 Gravelly sound
7 Don't give up
8 Practices one of the environmental three R's
9 Barrel-conscious gp.
10 Jersey owner, maybe
11 Syria's most popu-
- lous city
12 Thomas Hardy setting
14 Squish
18 Nephew of Abraham
20 Dull repetition
21 Cola
22 Help in a heist
23 Ideal time to snap?
27 Bovary title: Abbr.
28 Starting from
31 HUN neighbor, to the IOC
32 Baleful
34 Capt.'s course
36 Knowledge
37 Mystique
38 Billiards backspin
40 Wearing a lot
41 Yoga class regimen
42 Hawaiian coffee-growing region
43 Grand
44 Spotty
46 Lead singer of the Irish pop/rock group The Corrs
49 Where many vets served
51 Peach pit
52 "House of Payne" creator
54 Snoozes
55 Turned (off)
58 Sire's mate
59 Legal closing?
60 Club

Horoscopes *by Linda Black*

Today's Birthday (5/1/15)
List your talents, skills and accomplishments by passion level. Where would you like to be by your next birthday? Disciplined attention to partnerships pays off this year. Enjoy a communications hot streak until July 16. After that, your focus draws closer to home. Explore what you love.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

- Aries - 7**
(March 21-April 19)
Conserve resources and save money.

Study and explore new financial opportunities. Choose projects that include practicing an art or talent. A solution to an old problem becomes obvious.
- Taurus - 7**
(April 20-May 20)
You're in your element, and it's getting profitable. Bask in glory as you rake in the dough. Keep track of expenses. Household changes seem easier to accomplish. Don't spend on treats until checks clear.
- Gemini - 7**
(May 21-June 20)
A hunch could get profitable. You can get what you need. Finish old business, and chart out a new direction (in detail). Peaceful productivity behind closed doors satisfies.
- Cancer - 7**
(June 21-July 22)
Avoid distraction and procrastination for a while. Reward yourself later. Plan and scheme in detail. Delegate tasks to team members, and ensure strong communications structures. Inspire by example.
- Leo - 7**
(July 23-Aug. 22)
Networking and schmoozing helps your career and advances your agenda. It's a good day to be social. Get involved with a community project together with friends. Schedule meetings.
- Virgo - 8**
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Travel beckons. Expand your influence and seek new territory. Find alternate routes, just in case. Leave your schedule flexible for unexpected detours. Leave them wanting more.
- Libra - 7**
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Take inventory of your assets, and discover more than you thought. Chart your direction, and include a vacation or escape. Map the route and make reservations. Budget to include adventure.
- Scorpio - 7**
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Respond to a passionate call to action. Review resources with your partner. Compromise, and focus on strategy. Prepare for negotiations. Don't let a windfall slip from your fingers.
- Sagittarius - 8**
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
There's plenty of work, and it could seem overwhelming. Remember your partners, and negotiate how to best collaborate. Share talents, and each one comes away with more. Delegate the stuff you enjoy least.
- Capricorn - 7**
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
The great work you've been doing reflects well on you. You're attracting attention, both for business and personal affairs. Express your passion without reserve. Dive into your projects with enthusiasm.
- Aquarius - 7**
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Home holds your attention. Invest in ease and comfort. Take time for love, romance and creativity. Provide emotional support to one who could use it. Play with family and friends. Initiate a challenge.
- Pisces - 8**
(Feb. 19-March 20)
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whole new level because his neighbor, Steve Freeman, has also been Simpson's major professor.

Even before senioritis hits, a lot of students feel pressure, stress and anxiety while at college. Both of the Simpsons said their support networks of peers have helped them make it this far, as well as having each other in town.

"It's been nice because we get to play off of each other and keep each other

going because you need support. There's no way you get a Ph.D. by yourself," Steve said.

Although he is looking forward to graduation just as much as his daughter, Steve said there are things he will miss about being at Iowa State as a student.

"Being here 22 years I've always been on the service side, so dealing with laboratories, with facilities or what have you. I'd never really been connected to the student body, and it's been kind of cool to be a part of

that student body ... I'll miss that," Steve said.

Emily said she'll miss the people she's met at Iowa State too.

"I think that's the part that I will miss most about Iowa State is the people. That and having a constant peer group around you of people that are all your age and know you. Here, you have all these people you can talk to because they're living the same experience as you," she said. "I've loved Iowa State, honestly."

While she has enjoyed

her experience, Simpson said she plans to wait to get any more degrees. In the meantime, she'll work for Roth & Company in Des Moines.

"I've heard a lot of people say, 'you should go back and get your MBA,' but at the same time, you should go back and get your MBA after five, 10, 15 years of working experience because then you'll have that professional experience to draw on," Emily said. "Which is good because I need a break for now."

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No. 1 Red East route] that would go along Mortensen Road, and that has a potential to go to the Towers," Breitbarth said.

The student government leaders are also working on several other projects, including an alternative celebration for Veishea for the fall and spring semesters, improvements for the Crisis Line, recycling

and overall improvement of buildings on campus.

Sweere said student government as a whole has also helped accomplish improvements to the Thielen Student Health Center, which will be in place by the fall semester.

Breitbarth said they are also looking into Dead Week policy.

"We've received quite a few complaints from students having extra stuff

scheduled for Dead Week," Breitbarth said. "So we're trying to be extremely specific about that policy and solidify that in some way so students are less concerned about projects they'll have to do over Dead Week."

Neither of the student government leaders will be in Ames this summer. Sweere will be in Milwaukee for an internship with Kohl's. Breitbarth will be in Washington, D.C. for six weeks interning for Chuck Grassley.

"We've also got a couple cabinet members that are going to be here over the summer that will be doing the work for us while we're gone."

Breitbarth will return to Ames on July 1, and said he will make Osborn Drive his top priority.

"We'll continue to look at the feasibility of that and what we can do to change that around," Breitbarth said.

They both hope to accomplish all of their goals by the end of the fall semester.

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Iran’s actions
complicate
nuclear deal

In an apparent attempt to make the ongoing Iranian nuclear discussions as awkward as possible, Iran made some questionable decisions this week.

The Iranian Revolutionary Guard detained and fired shots at a cargo ship (the Maersk Tigris) and “harassed” another (the Maersk Kensington), both of which were flagged by the United States (and therefore under the protection of the U.S. Navy) in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said the Revolutionary Guard detained the ship on court order because it had previously been involved in some “rather peculiar activity,” which seems to be a reference to a 2005 incident in Dubai.

It has now been reported that thanks to the extremely odd occurrence, the U.S. Navy will be escorting every U.S. flagged commercial vessel through the strait.

The measure is said to be precautionary and in place to avoid an “international incident with Iran.” As these issues occur, and if Iran does indeed persist, then arguments against the current nuclear discussions — which are already a source of enough contention here in the United States and abroad without all of this extracurricular activity — with Iran are given more credibility.

The weight of this nuclear deal is already evident as Zarif said Friday that the United States “will risk isolating itself in the world if there is an agreement and it decides to break it,” in response to promises from members of Congress to stop the measures from passing in the United States.

While the actions of the Iranian Revolutionary Guard (taken at the instruction of the Iranian government) and the proposed plan for a nuclear program in Iran are not directly related, the fact that we don’t seem to be able to predict Iran’s actions is disconcerting.

The guidelines of the nuclear plan very much hinge on the ability of the West to trust Iran will play by the rules, and suffice to say, Iran is currently giving us very few reasons to trust it will act in accordance with the agreement.

On top of harassing cargo vessels, which are under United States protection, Iran and Russia entered into a rather upsetting deal together — a deal that will send missile defense systems to the Middle Eastern nation that could feasibly be used to protect its nuclear facilities should it be decided those facilities need to be destroyed.

Iran feels justified in its purchase of weapons systems that have purely defensive purposes, but when we take this recent string of actions and consider them as a whole, we see a picture of a nation that we may need to be wary of trusting.

Final decisions regarding the nuclear deal will not be made until June, so there is plenty of time for this mess (because that is how this culmination of situations is most aptly described) to be sorted out and the tentative relationship among Iran, the United States and indeed the world at large to be moved onto more stable ground.

But if the framework of this deal is not in the best interest of the United States and its partners, then no deal and continued sanctions will serve us better than a bad deal of which Iran can potentially continue its nuclear program and ignore the checks and balances which the United States is attempting to negotiate.

If Iran does not show we can anticipate consistently agreeable actions, then how could we trust Iran to follow the guidelines of even the most well-reasoned nuclear agreement? Simply put: we could not.

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With same-sex marriage, columnist Snyder believes there has been enough talk about the issue and there is only one way for society to move forward.

Let’s end the debate

Same-sex marriage should have been decided long ago

By Stephen.Snyder
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The United States Supreme Court heard arguments for one of the most anticipated and contentious cases of this judicial season or any other in the past decade. That case is regarding the constitutionality, or lack thereof, of same-sex marriage in the United States. The case will likely not be decided until June, but Americans now have a new reason to argue about it for the next month.

This already prolonged debate has worn away the patience of advocates on both sides and after countless conversations and dozens of columns, even I grow tired of espousing my firmly held belief that we will not live in a truly equitable society until all people can go about their own business. This means business that does not directly impact anyone else, in whatever way they choose. I could repeat to you my same long-practiced lines about the hypocrisy of a “free” nation that puts up arbitrary walls between people simply because it has always been that way. I could say again that modern culture should not and cannot be governed by antiquated social principles based in fear and bigotry. But you’ve heard me say all of those things before, so let’s just take a look at what the Supreme Court justices had to say instead.

Justice Robert Kennedy, who is considered a key vote to swing the decision in either way, offered that “This definition (of marriage) has been with us for millennia and it’s

very difficult for the court to say, ‘Oh, well, we know better.’”

To Justice Kennedy I would say, yes, it is difficult. But at what point was your job described as “easy?” The Supreme Court, by the very definition of the institution, is charged with making the most difficult decisions our country has to offer. The highest court we have exists for the very purpose of altering or maintaining our nation’s laws based on our Constitution. And as far as difficulties in saying “Oh, well, we know better,” I would say the following: the Supreme Court seemed to know better when it upheld the Affordable Care Act, the Supreme Court seemed to know better when it struck down the United State’s racist segregation laws and the Supreme Court seemed to know better when it struck down bans on interracial marriage as well.

Arguments against the re-writing of marriage laws in the United States are partially based in preserving the “noble” nature of the institution and the “dignity” which it bestows upon those who enter marriage.

Stop it.

Marriage is no more a noble or dignified institution than taking out a mortgage on your home. That is not meant to be a cynical view as I personally believe in love and the importance of building a life with another person. My view is simply based out of a belief that marriage is no longer a “holy” endeavor. Marriage is a legal agreement. Honestly, what is it about extending the same rights (as it relates to marriage)

that are already provided to the majority of the nation that drives people insane? If the reasoning is based in religion, then I have no need to continue my argument as we are not ruled by a theocracy and freedom of religion must also mean freedom from religion. I would wager to guess the majority of people who want to get married and will only be allowed to marry the person they love if the law is changed could not care less what a very old book has to say about their lifestyle. The courts should reflect that apathy.

There was also an interesting occurrence during the arguments in which a spectator had to be removed and detained after shouting, “If you support gay marriage you will burn in hell.” He and his friends seem like a pleasant crowd to hang around with.

However, his crowd is fairly large, so let’s break it down like a boxing match: in this corner, we have a message of hate and exclusion often based in religious sentiment that is not legally permissible as a reason for discrimination. And in the other corner we have a group of people who are asking only to be treated the same as everyone else. No special privileges, just equality.

I find myself standing alongside those in that second corner and I hope you will join me. If you do, and we end up in hell as some will assert, then I say it will have been worth it to have been advocates for justice. Hell will be a manageable punishment if we end up there for doing what we know is right with no expectation of reward.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Human life should be valued over deer

By Merle Wilson,
Iowa Resident

At approximately 6 a.m. March 16 our son left home to go to work in Waterloo. Less than two miles from home he struck one of the Department of Natural Resource’s overpopulated deer. At 11 a.m. trauma doctors in Iowa City worked to save his life. He had a ruptured spleen, several broken ribs, a

collapsed lung and head and facial injuries so severe my wife and I could not recognize our own son. He also sustained a traumatic brain injury from which he may never recover.

Our son lives on the Black Hawk-Bremer County line north of Dunkerton. These counties are two of the 26 counties the DNR allowed no does to be killed the first shotgun season. Healthy does produce one to three offspring each year.

We have a film of more than 200 deer in one field a mile east of our son’s house, yet the DNR claims the herd numbers are down by 35 to 38 percent. It claims deer-related crashes are down also, but the body shops say they have had no reduction in their business. It looks like someone is putting false information out. I can only guess who that might be.

Every driver, every motorcycle rider, every passenger

should have the right to expect safe travel on Iowa roads. Because of the overpopulation of the deer herd, no road in Iowa is safe. Iowa ranks third in the nation, third, for deer-related accidents. The DNR’s deer kill and sometimes cripple people for the rest of their lives. There is something wrong when greed, money and sport shooters can drive the DNR to supply more deer for them that takes precedence over public safety.

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER TOP 10

Scott Fernandez records 29th finish inside top 10 at Big 12s

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Like peanut butter and jelly, Scott Fernandez and top-10 finishes just seem to go well together.

Fernandez has finished in the top 10 more often than not during his career — 29 times in 48 starts to be precise — and his total has him several spots ahead of the nearest Cyclone in ISU men's golf history. Fernandez also found the top five in 19 of his 29 top 10s, reaching the winner's circle four times.

To crack the somewhat objective, yet indicative measure of success that is a top-10 finish often comes easy for Fernandez, but such was not the case at the Big 12 Championship on Wednesday.

After a six-over-par front nine in his final round, Fernandez plummeted down the leaderboard. Seemingly out of nowhere, Fernandez flipped a switch, charging back with a three-under-par, bogey-free back nine of 32.

Fernandez had to work hard to claw back while battling Southern Hills Country Club, the former major championship venue that played to a 74.24 scoring average on the week, more than four strokes over par.

His hardest work of all came on his 72nd and final hole of the tournament, where drama unfolded between No. 20 Oklahoma State and No. 43 Iowa State on the 18th green.

Iowa State owned a two-shot lead for fourth place with two groups left on the course. First, Oklahoma State's Zachary Olsen sunk an estimated 40-footer for birdie to draw within one.

Then, Fernandez saw another bomb drop in.

"Before I puttred, the

Oklahoma State guy made about an 80-footer from the edge of the green to the back left," Fernandez said. "It was kind of on my line, so I saw some of the break. That helped me a little bit because I saw more break than I had thought."

That Oklahoma State player was Jordan Niebrugge, who unbeknownst to Fernandez at the time, erased a one-shot deficit between Oklahoma State and Iowa State for fourth place in the team race. Fernandez faced a 15-footer that would nudge the Cyclones back ahead of the Cowboys and would put another feather in his cap by way of one more top-10 finish.

Undaunted by the pressure of the moment that his teammates and coaches who gathered to watch were fully aware of, Fernandez came through once again for his team. Using his knowledge of the break of Niebrugge's putt, Fernandez rolled it in, securing his top-10 position along with his team's fourth place finish.

"The guys were cheering pretty hard and they made it seem like something big, which it was. It was to take fourth place," Fernandez said. "I was really pumped to finish strong."

Thinking of the team finish ahead of his own accomplishment embodies Fernandez's team approach, one that is not always common in players soon destined for a professional career.

Unlike his individual ranking in Golfweek's individual rankings that has risen into the top 75, Fernandez's ego has stayed grounded. His leadership off the course, alongside fellow senior Sam Daley, has played a strong supporting role to go with the myriad of records he has set



Senior golfer Scott Fernandez works on his putt during practice on April 14. Fernandez recorded his 29th top-10 career finish at the Big 12 Championship in Tulsa, Okla. on Wednesday.

in his four years in Ames.

"It's been a treat to watch those two, for sure," said redshirt junior Collin Foster. "Scott Fernandez is a top-10 machine [and a] great guy. The character of those two is top notch. You expect them to be kind of stuck up just a little bit, but it wasn't the case at all."

Drawing from confidence rather than arrogance, Fernandez expressed belief in his ability to lead his team beyond the NCAA regional tournament for the second consecutive year. It will be played May 14 to 16.

ISU coach Andrew Tank said an improved ef-

fort from his team's Big 12 performance will be needed if Iowa State is to become one of 30 teams to compete at Concession Golf Club in Bradenton, Fla., the site of the 2015 NCAA Championship.

"I don't think it's good enough. We're going to need to play better for sure,

but I think we're going to learn a lot from this tournament," Tank said. "This was awesome preparation for us with some of the best teams in the country on one of the best courses in the country, but we're certainly going to need to play better than we did this week."

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Freshman Abby Caldwell gets the handoff from graduate student Kate DeSimone in the women's 4x1,600-meter relay at the Drake Relays on April 23 in Des Moines. Caldwell will compete in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Payton Jordan Invitational on Saturday.

EARLY SUCCESS

Abby Caldwell's positive attitude results in impressive performances

By Kyle.Heim
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Abby Caldwell's title is true freshman, but that hasn't stopped the women's track team from instilling a great amount of confidence in its first-year distance runner.

The in-state native from Waverly has been entered in unfamiliar track events against some of the toughest competition in the country, and hasn't been the least bit intimidated.

Entering the 2015 outdoor track season, Caldwell was introduced to the 3,000-meter steeplechase. And in her debut in the event, Caldwell outpaced teammate Colleen Riley's school record time at the Stanford Invitational on April 3 in Palo Alto, Calif.

"Obviously [Riley and I] both run our hardest and we're going to try and get the school record," Caldwell said. "I think it's healthy competition and

we really handle it well because we help each other get better. [Riley] has a lot more experience than me in the steeple, so she's always teaching me and helping me in practice."

The record has almost become a game of hot potato as Riley reclaimed it at the Drake Relays on Saturday — the same location and meet she broke the record in 2014. Riley also secured a spot in the NCAA regional meet.

Riley said she and Caldwell do all of their workouts and many drills for steeplechase together in practice. This allows the two the opportunity to encourage and critique each other.

But the steeplechase is just one of many events Caldwell has witnessed success in throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons.

"[Caldwell's] like a sponge," said ISU distance coach Andrea Grove-McDonough. "She's so new to track and field in so many

ways. Maturity-wise as an athlete, she has a ways to go, which is both a blessing and a curse, but we're excited about what we see down the road."

Caldwell contributed two points for Iowa State at the Big 12 Indoor Championship, placing seventh in the 3,000-meter run with a personal best time of 9:32.63.

In addition to her successful first attempt in the steeplechase this outdoor season, Caldwell anchored Iowa State's third place finish in the 4x1,600-meter relay at the Drake Relays before returning two days later to anchor the team's eighth place finish in the distance medley relay.

"I think outsiders won't fully appreciate all that Abby can do until a year from now in which case I think her name will be more on the radar here in Iowa," Grove-McDonough said. "And then I think that's really when you'll see the impact she'll have, sending a message in recruiting on how well our program can develop athletes and pick up on talent."

opportunity Saturday to regain the top spot in the record book for the steeplechase at a location she's familiar with — Palo Alto. Joining Caldwell on her return to the Golden State is redshirt senior Katy Moen.

The two distance runners will represent Iowa State at the Payton Jordan Invitational.

"Katy and Abby are the perfect traveling duo," Grove-McDonough said. "Katy's pretty calm, obviously very experienced, obviously at the top of her game and Abby's just kind of like 'woo-hoo.' [Caldwell] needs a Katy Moen if she's going to Payton.

Grove-McDonough said the great attitude Caldwell possesses is unique in the sense that many athletes who have competed in the sport for a long time become ho-hum and begin going through the motions.

"I think that enthusiasm does rub off on other people," Grove-McDonough said. "It makes them more excited about it. It certainly makes them all believe they're capable of competing at any level."



Cameron Ostrowski competes in the high jump at the Drake Relays. Ostrowski will next compete at the Big 12 Outdoor Championship on May 15.

Men's track, field competes in final meet before Big 12s

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One more meet, two more weeks — then it's time for the Big 12 Outdoor Championship.

The ISU men's track and field team will split in two and send runners to Palo Alto, Calif., and Iowa City for one more tune up before the big meet in a couple of weeks. And for some of the runners, this weekend will provide extra respite to compliment the upcoming off-week.

But for the weekend at hand for the Cyclones, the runners are looking to make one last hurrah to see where they are with their times.

“[This weekend] is going to be a very good gauge,” said distance runner Brandon Barnes, who will be making the trip to the Payton Jordan Invitational in Palo Alto. “There is going to be a lot of good competition out there. A lot of the runners are going to run fast, so it’s good to see how you do when you go fast. It’s good to see where you are at for confidence and where you sit in [the] conference.”

Redshirt senior Cameron Ostrowski — who had a rough weekend in the high jump at the Drake Relays, jumping 6 feet, 7 ¾ inches — will spend the weekend

resting his rehabbing ankle that has hampered him throughout this outdoor season.

These last two weeks for Ostrowski will be of the utmost importance in his quest to prepare for his jumps at the Big 12s.

"I'm going to take this weekend off and try to rehabilitate," Ostrowski said. "I just need to get healthy for the Big 12s and Regionals. It would be nice to get more reps, but with my ankle, it limits what I can do. It's a bit concerning with Big 12s around the corner and it makes it hard to tell where I am for my pace."

The Big 12 Outdoor Championship is the meet all of the athletes have been training for this entire outdoor season. It's just one more final stretch — one final push to the finish.

"Looking at the times that we have put up, I think we are all excited for what we can do," said distance runner Matt Bevil, who will go to Iowa City this weekend. "We are building off week to week and being more excited the closer we get to Big 12s."

The Payton Jordan Invitational will take place Friday and Saturday at Stanford. Other runners on the team will compete in the Musco Twilight Invitational on Saturday.



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